

Maggie Brooks

Monroe County Executive

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BROOKS ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2007 STOP DWI POSTER CONTEST

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks today recognized seven area youth as the winners of Monroe County's 19th Annual STOP DWI Poster Contest.

"This contest is a great way for the youth of our community to get involved and have a voice," said **Brooks**. "This year's winners have done a remarkable job in conveying the message that drinking and driving is not only a very real, very serious issue, but also that its consequence can be fatal."

The competition is divided into two categories, one for graphic arts students and the other for non-graphic arts students. A first, second and third place winner is selected in each category. First place winners receive \$250 and public display of their poster on a professional outdoor billboard. Second place winners receive \$100 and third place winners receive \$50.

This year's first, second, third place and honorable mention winners in the Graphic Arts Students Category are:

- First Place Staci Kuppe, 11th Grade, Eastern Monroe Career Center, "Many People are Affected by Your Choices. Drive Sober."
- Second Place Emma Barry, 12th Grade, Eastern Monroe Career Center, "Make Good Choices Behind the Wheel. Drive Sober."
- Third Place Elyssa Rossi, 11th Grade, WE-MO-CO, "Go Ahead, You Be the One to Tell Her. Drunk Driving."
- Honorable Mention Christine Sweet, 11th Grade, Eastern Monroe Career Center, "Save a Life. Drive Sober."

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This year's first, second and third place winners in the Non-Graphic Arts Students Category are:

- First Place Molly Barth, 9th Grade, Our Lady of Mercy High School, "Your Choice. Your Aftermath. Stop DWI Now."
- Second Place Ilmar Begishev, 9th Grade, Penfield High School, "One Drink Could Cost More Than You'd Expect. Drive Sober."
- Third Place Kathryn Sutorius, 11th Grade, Rush-Henrietta High School, "Think About the Life You Could Steal, Before You Get Behind the Wheel. Don't Drink and Drive."

Over 2,000 high school students from across Monroe County have participated in the STOP-DWI poster contest over the last 19 years. The panel of judges for this year's contest included: Peggy Duffy, Monroe County STOP-DWI Coordinator; Ginny Satter, Principal Central Police Services Administrator; and Leslie Shakespeare-Brogan, DWI Victim Advocate.

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